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NO FREE MAIL DELIVERY FOR LA GRANDE UNTILL AUGUST FIRST

DEPARTMENT AT WASHINGTON IS BEHIND DELAY

CARRIER LIST IS NOT SUFFICIENT AT THIS TIME.

Postmaster Richey informed that the Department Will Not Inaugurate the Free Mail Delivery System at This Time—Two Reasons Given Are That Carrier List is Not Complete and That Service is Never Started on the Beginning of a Quarter, the First Available Date.

Disheartening information reached Postmaster G. M. Richey yesterday morning, relative to the free delivery system which should have been put into effect on June 15. La Grande residents will continue to go to the postoffice after their mail until August 1, and perhaps longer.

The postoffice department at Washington advances two reasons for this undesirable delay, namely: That a sufficient force of carriers was not secured at the recent examination held in La Grande, and another must be held to fill vacancies, and that the department prefers to open the system on some other date than the beginning of a quarter, which is the first available date. Only two applicants successfully went on the eligibility list at the recent examination when there should have been three, at least. Hence, as announced heretofore, there is now pending another examination for carriers.

In regard to the date of commencement, the department prefers not to start on the first of July, as it is in the beginning of a quarter, and this is contrary to practice. It is impossible to start the service on May 15 or on June 15, and July 15 is not so desirable as August 1.

May Be Delayed Then.

It is not positive that the service will be started on August 1, even. An inspector will visit La Grande shortly before August 1, and if he finds the houses properly numbered, the street properly placarded and the sidewalks in satisfactory condition, he will advise speedy adoption of the free mail delivery system. If the city has not done its share to secure the service by that time, more delay will follow. The sidewalks at this time in North La Grande are not serviceable and need extensive repairs. This will, of course, be done before August 1.

Died.

May 11, the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Don Peebler of Ladd Canyon.

Knights of Columbus Meet.
Fresno, Cal., May 11.—Knights of Columbus are arriving here for the first event of the long program to be carried out at the state convention of the order, which lasts until Thursday. The preparation for the reception of the many visitors is complete and there will be no difficulty in accommodating the crowd. General headquarters were opened at the Hughes hotel today and the officers were kept busy issuing credentials and badges to the arriving delegates. Prior to the opening of the business sessions tomorrow morning the delegates will attend solemn pontifical mass in a body. Bishop Conaty will preach the sermon.

CASTRO ACTS THE STUBBORN PART

ONLY AMERICAN REPUBLIC NOT REPRESENTED.

President Castro is Only One of the South American Republics Who Did Not Send Cablegram to Elaborate Affair at Washington, Where Cornerstone to Pan-American Bureau Building is Laid—Glowing Tribute Paid to Roosevelt.

Washington, May 11.—President Castro of Venezuela did not send a message of congratulation when the formal ceremonies attendant to the laying of the corner stone of the home of the International Bureau of Republics, which were held today. Venezuela was the only important nation in the western hemisphere whose ruler did not send a cable message expressing congratulation and the omission is significantly due to the strained relations which now exist between Castro's government and the United States.

Cardinal Gibbons of Baltimore delivered the invocation and Bishop Cranston the benediction. The exercises were held at 3 o'clock in the presence of an enormous crowd. John Barrett, director of the bureau, introduced Secretary of State Root, who presided.

The building and site cost \$1,000,000. In addressing the big gathering Ambassador Joaquim Fabuco praised President Roosevelt and Andrew Carnegie. Facing the president he said: "No president of the United States will leave in the history of Pan-Americanism a deeper mark than you are cutting from ocean to ocean to change the sea routes of the world, so as to bring nearer peoples and cities of the front of our continent."

Andrew Carnegie made a short address.

VICTIM FOUGHT DEATH STRUGGLE

MRS. GUNNESS' ALLEGED VICTIM DEFENDED HIMSELF.

Police and Doctors in Examination Discover That Andrew Helgaine, One of the Victims, Fought a Terrific Struggle Before Receiving the Death Blow—Police Now Wishing to Accept Theory That Crime Fiend Died in Burning Building.

La Port, Ind., May 11.—Evidence came to light today indicating that the body of Andrew Helgaine, one of Mrs. Beulah Gunness' alleged victims, did not fall a victim to the death blow until after he had made a desperate fight for his life.

Dr. J. H. Meyer, who made the examination of the corpse, reported to the coroner that he found several brown curly hairs in the clenched fist of Helgaine's right hand.

It is supposed that in the death struggle he pulled the hair out of the scalp of his slayer.

The police are now willing to accept the original theory that Mrs. Gunness died in the fire which destroyed her home.

Evidently believing that Mrs. Gunness is alive and not agreeing with the police, the city council will tonight offer a reward of \$5000 for her capture.

Cake is Active.

Drain, Ore., May 11.—Judge H. M. Cake arrived in Drain this morning to deliver a speech in his senatorial campaign here today. He will then speak at Cottage Grove. It was announced by the Cake party today that Judge Cake's itinerary would demand three speeches a day from now until election day.

REACH VERDICT IN RANGE WAR

EX-SHERIFF SMITH IS FOUND GUILTY BY JURY.

For the First Time in the History of Central Oregon Range Wars, a Verdict Has Been Returned Against a Cowman—Ex-Sheriff Smith Today Found Guilty of Burning ex-Congressman J. N. Williamson's Sheep-shearing Sheds.

Prineville, May 11.—Ex-Sheriff C. Sam Smith has been found guilty by a jury of burning the sheep-shearing sheds of ex-Congressman J. N. Williamson, after the jury had deliberated on the evidence for over 15 hours. Smith was convicted on the evidence of Larkin Elliott, a former accomplice, who confessed on the stand. A new trial will be asked for today. This is the first verdict in Central Oregon given against a cowman in range war troubles.

Ex-Sheriff Smith was given a four-year sentence. Elliott was given the same.

Another Southern Tornado.

Woodward, Okla., May 11.—Leveling everything in its path, a tornado of unusual violence swept over this portion of the state today, causing heavy damage at Arnett, Vict, Cooley, Grand and other small towns. Some loss of life is reported at Arnett. The tornado passed over four counties and covered a district of 75 miles. The towns visited are all the railroad and only meager reports of the disaster have been received.

GUN PLAY AT MARSHFIELD ORE

WELL KNOWN WOMAN IS SEVERELY INJURED.

Spotted Career of Mrs. Bertha Lurch Will Likely End at Marshfield as a Result of a Shooting Affair This Morning—Waited Outside of Saloon for Bartender and Later the Two Went Out on Bay—Man Shot in Self-Defense.

Marshfield, Ore., May 11.—Mrs. Bertha Etta Gordon Lurch, well known in police circles of Portland, Sacramento and San Francisco, is lying in a Marshfield hospital, dying because of a bullet wound in the kidneys as the result of a quarrel with H. Anderson, a bartender, early this morning. Anderson is in jail, and says he shot the woman in self-defense.

The woman came to the saloon and waited on the porch several hours for Anderson. She displayed a loaded revolver several times. Finally Anderson came out and the couple took a launch to go to North Bend. In a few minutes a revolver shot was heard and the launch put back with the wounded woman and Anderson. He immediately gave himself up.

Mrs. Lurch declares she would have shot Anderson, but could not make her revolver work. Federal detectives have been watching her for some time.

It is said and believed that she is a part of a gang passing counterfeit money about Coos Bay.

The woman was arrested in Portland some years ago as a member of a counterfeiting gang, but was released, and later gained notoriety by claiming to be the wife of Edward Sam Gordon, the Coos Bay lumberman, whom she afterwards married.

SOCIALISTS TO NOMINATE AT ONCE

DELEGATES MAY BOLT UNLESS UNIONISM IS UPHOLD.

Sharp Conflict in Convention on National Socialistic Delegates at Chicago Today—Will Nominate Presidential Candidate on Thursday—Carey Heads the National Committee—Wisconsin Delegation Wants Trades Unions Favored.

Chicago, May 11.—John F. Carey of Massachusetts, this morning elected chairman of the socialist convention. Indications today are that the convention will nominate a candidate for president Thursday, and adjourn the next day.

Guy Miller of Telluride, will today extend to the convention the greetings of Ernest Miller, secretary of the Western Federation of Miners.

In an impassioned address, Victor Berger of Milwaukee, demanded that the socialist party declare in favor of trades unions.

Members May Bolt.

He warned the convention that he and friends would bolt if unionism is not favored. For a while the convention was in an uproar because of the fight between representatives of the American Federation of Labor and the Industrial Workers of the World.

J. F. Johnson, formerly proprietor of the Spokane cafe, but now located at Pendleton, arrived this morning from Huntington, where he has been on business. He visited friends here today.

G. O. P. Split in Louisiana.

New Orleans, La., May 11.—The republican state convention which assembled in this city at noon today is composed exclusively of the so-called administration followers and the four delegates at large will be instructed for Secretary Taft. These delegates will be contested at the Chicago convention by those selected by the other branch of the party, known as the old line regular republicans.

Defunct Idaho Bank Reorganized.

Boise, May 11.—Plans for reorganization of the Capital State bank, with deposits of over a million, was approved by Judge Wood today and May 28 was fixed as the day for reopening the institution.

ATTORNEYS FIND NOTICES RIGHT

DISPUTE OVER LEGALITY WITHOUT FOUNDATION.

Attorneys of the City Have Been Asked to Render Decisions on Manner of Posting Election Notices and Findings Corroborate Statement Made Last Week That Liquor Election Notices Are Correctly Posted—No Question About It.

The county clerk's office is the scene of many heated discussions relative to the accuracy of the election notices which have been posted. As stated by The Observer several days ago, no legal flaw can be found in the work as done, and this statement is corroborated by many attorneys of the city. The question of legality in the method in which the liquor election notices were posted, has been so persistent, that several attorneys have been asked to render findings, and in all instances the decisions have been that the method used is that prescribed by law.

District Attorney Ivanhoe is not in the city and consequently a decision from him could not be obtained today.

The subject in discussion is that as the notice of liquor election was not included on the official June election notices, the election will be invalid and cannot come before the voters in June.

Unique Distinction.

The girl baby born to Mr. and Mrs. Adna B. Rogers yesterday, was the first child born at the Grande Ronde hospital. This child is to be christened Genevieve Ruth Hannah, after her aunt Hannah Rogers, and a strange coincidence is that she bears the same initials as the institution in which she first saw the light of day.

COLD WEATHER IN SAN FRANCISCO

NOTWITHSTANDING, JACKIES SEE ALL THE SIGHTS.

Sixth Day of Atlantic Fleet's Visit to San Francisco is Cold and Cloudy, But Officers and Men Take the City—Many Automobile Parties During the Day—Police Guard Sailors as They View Chinatown—Championship Baseball Game.

San Francisco, May 11.—The sixth day of the fleet's stay in San Francisco bay was cloudy and cold, but the unfavorable weather conditions did not deter hundreds of sailors and officers from making numerous little side trips in autos and observation cars.

Headed by a detachment of police, 150 gaily decorated machines left Market street and turned into Chinatown and the Latin quarter. In the party were Admirals Sebree, Swinburn, Dayton and Sperry.

Mayor Taylor of San Francisco and Mayor Mott of Oakland, were with the officers.

Tonight a boxing tournament opens and this afternoon the championship fleet baseball game is being played.

San Francisco Hospitality.

San Francisco, Cal., May 11.—San Francisco continued today its long program of entertainment for the sailors and officers of the American battleship fleet. Thousands of blue-jackets came ashore to enjoy the observation car trips and other features arranged for their entertainment. Golden Gate Park was cordoned for the athletic events this afternoon. For the officers of the fleet another large reception and ball has been arranged to take place at the Fairmont hotel tonight. The battleships were again open to visitors today and were thronged during the entire day by crowds of men, women and children, including many visitors from a distance.

More "Graft" Cases.

Harrisburg, Pa., May 11.—The second of the alleged "graft" cases having to do with the building and furnishing of the state capitol was called for trial today. This is the metallic furniture case, in which the defendants are Architect Huston, Congressman Cassell, former Auditor General Snyder, former state Treasurer Mathews, former Superintendent Shumaker and Traveling Auditor Irvine. Former Governors Stone and Pennypacker are among the notables who are to be subpoenaed as witnesses at the trial.

IT OUGHT TO BE THE HAPPINESS AND GLORY every citizen to so live and act that his fellow citizens will esteem him for his goodness, his kindness, and his usefulness. The principles of good citizenship should constitute the code of rules for every kind of business whether public or private. This applies particularly to the drug business, because, owing to the limited knowledge of the qualities of drugs by the general public, it follows that the reliability of the druggist is the chief guarantee of good service.

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